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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, Applicant responds to the restriction requirement as follows:

In the Restriction Requirement the claims were divided into two groups. The Office Action asserts each group represents a distinct invention.

Group I - Claim 10 drawn to a foldable electronic device; and

Group II - Claims 11-14 drawn to a flexible cable.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 11-14 for further prosecution on the merits.

The Office Action has further restricted the application as containing claims directed to patently distinct species of the claimed invention. The figures have been grouped as follows:

Species 1: Figures 12-14; Species 2: Figure 18-20; Species 3: Figure 21.

Applicant elects Species I, Figures 12-14, with traverse. Claims 11-14 are readable on Species I, Figures 12-14.

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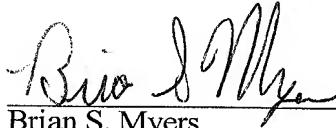
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Attached hereto are sketches of Figures 12a, 12b, 12c and 13 marked to point out the features supporting claims 11-14.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 11-14 are all readable on the elected Species I, and also readable on the Species II Figures 18-20. Attached Sketch of Figure 19 shows supporting features for claims 11-14. Claims 11-14 recite means for realizing at least Species I and II and are generic in at least that respect. It is respectfully requested the Examiner reconsider the assertion that no claims are generic and requiring the election of a single species.

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Example  
Sketch  
claims 11 & 12

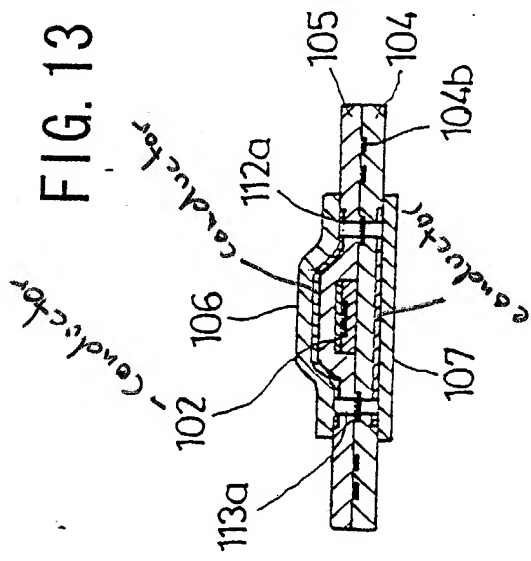
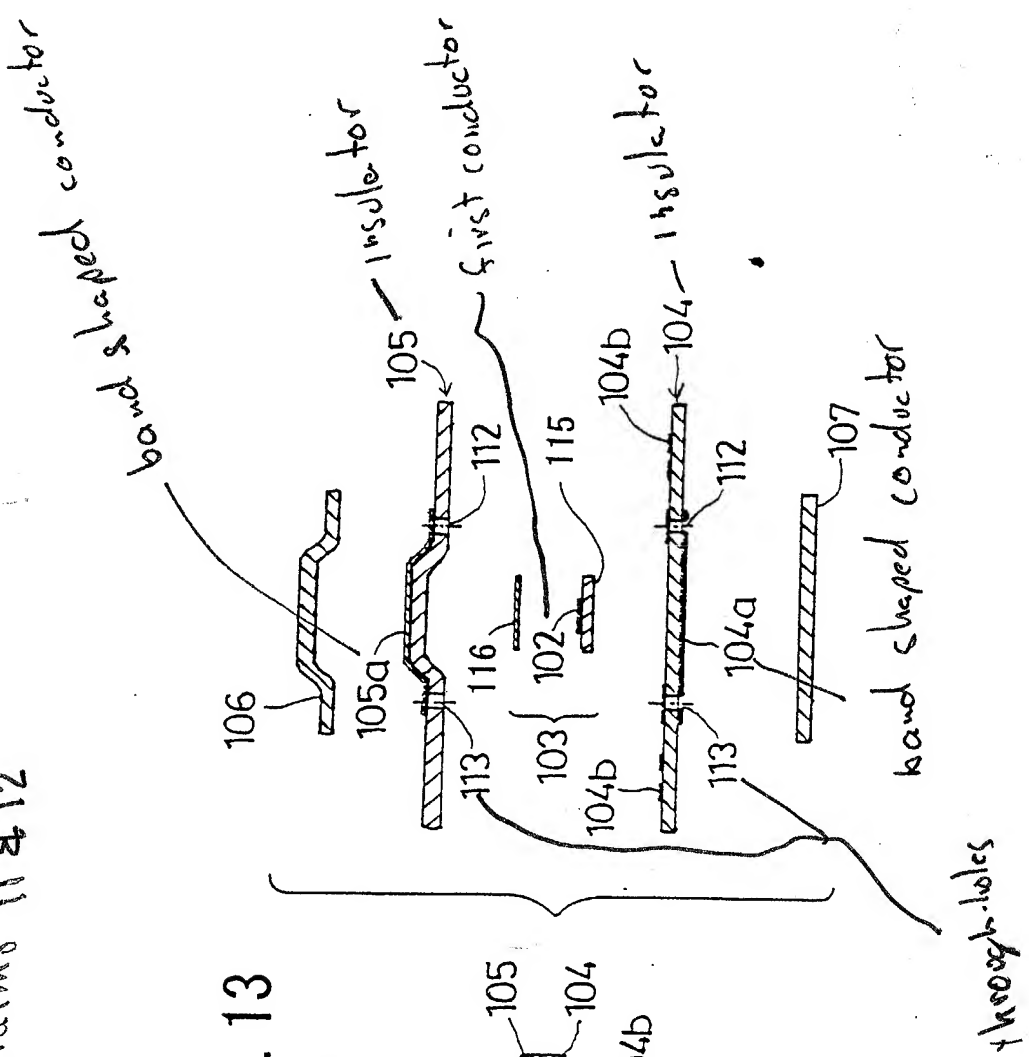


FIG. 13



Example  
Sketch claim 13

FIG. 12A

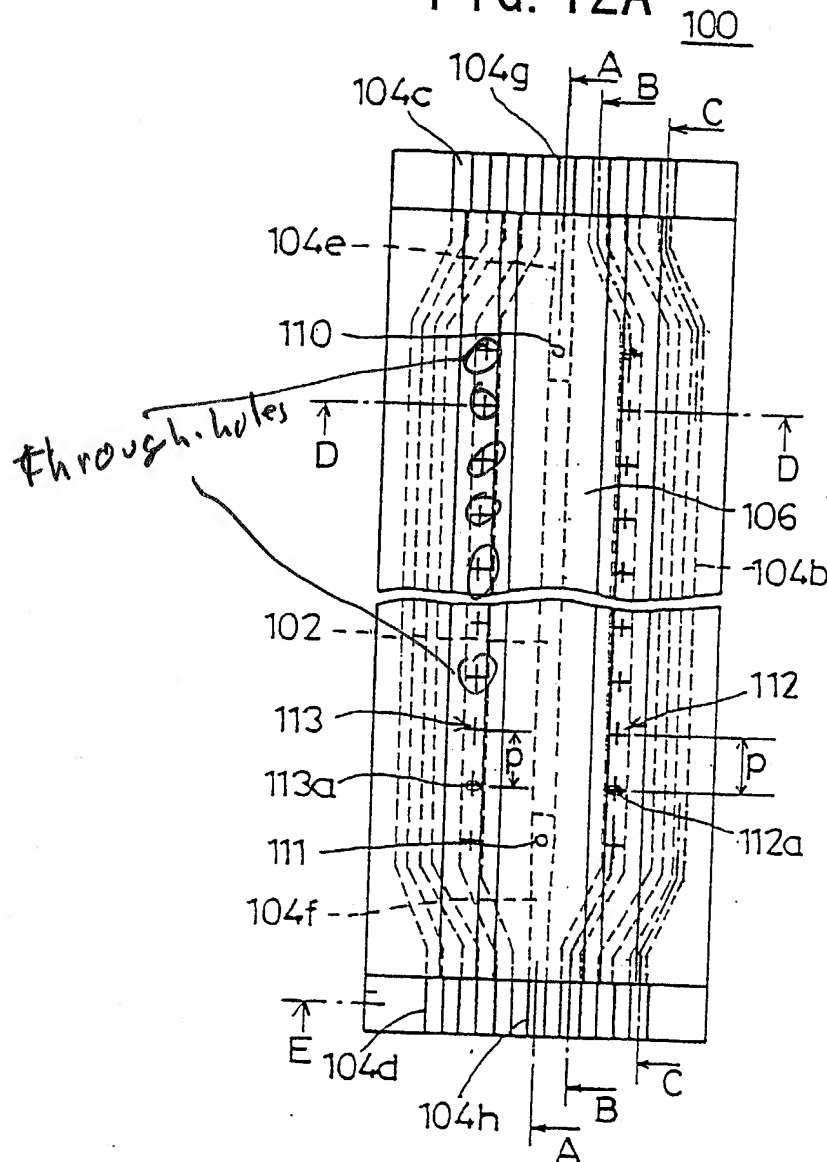


FIG. 12B

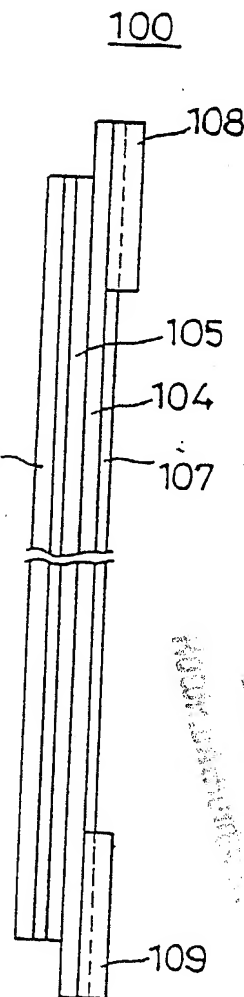
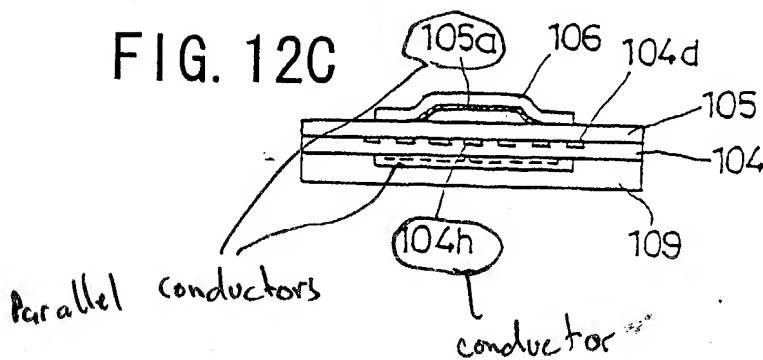
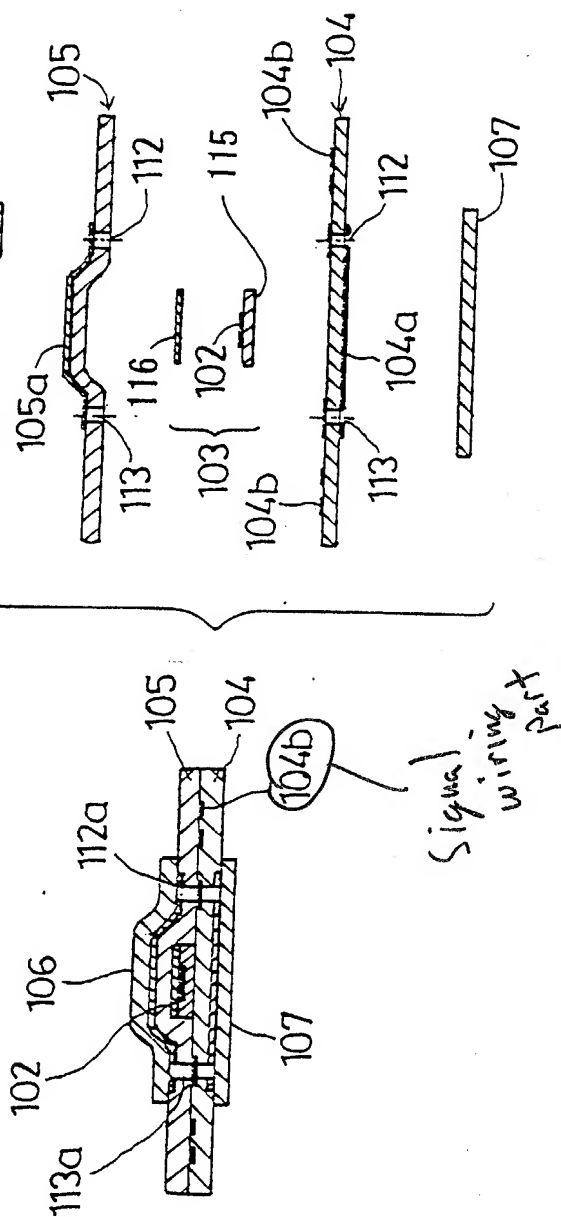


FIG. 12C



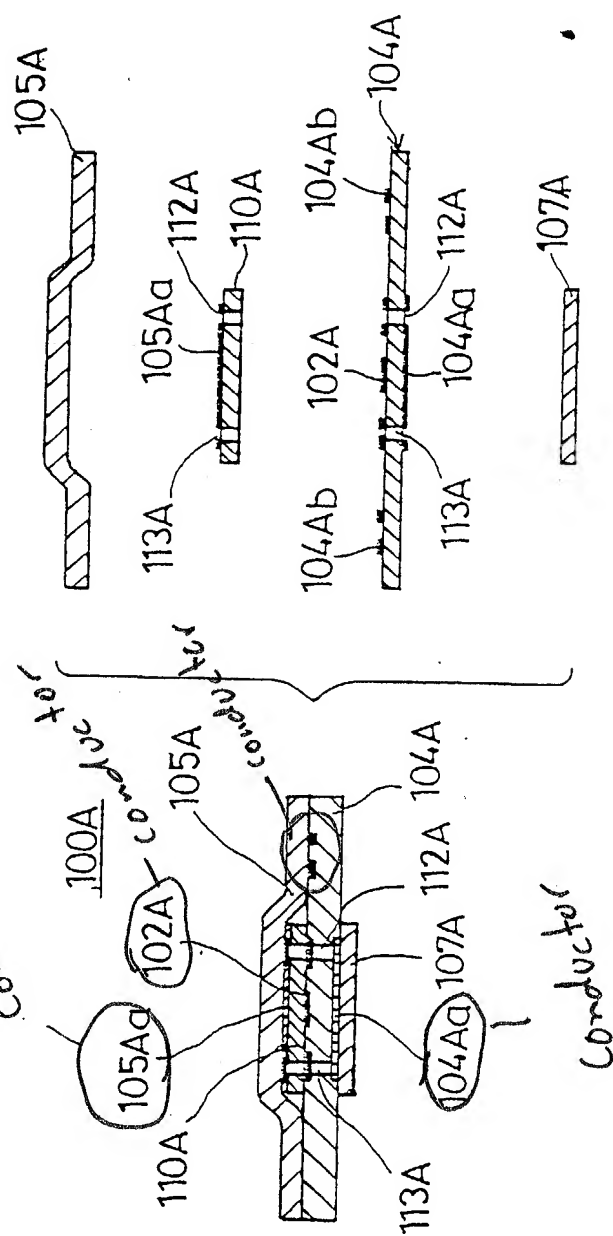
Example sketch claim 14

FIG. 13



Example  
Sketch  
supports claims 11-14

FIG. 19



conductor 100A  
conductor 102A  
conductor 105A  
conductor 107A